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assisted with technical assistance by the department in writing that bill also of Health and Human Services.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Some things are perhaps clearer now and at least they're in the record for anybody who'd like to pursue it. I don't believe in sending good money after bad. Some say that's the first law of economics. There has been much discussion about the atrocious conditions at Geneva and Kearney. I need to make it clear that when we were discussing these matters in the Judiciary Committee, I talked about how foolish it is to pitch and patch and try to remodel these old buildings, and even used Peru State College as an example, said what we need to do is construct a new facility that aims to provide the services that we claim are necessary. Even if you update these old structures at Kearney and Geneva, you still are not addressing this other group of children who should not be at Kearney and Geneva, should not be in the juvenile prison in Omaha but somewhere in between. Let's say that you spend a billion dollars and restore Kearney and Geneva to the status they were before they are in the condition they are in now. First of all, the Fire Marshal ought to shut the facility down. That's what ought to be done, and I'm shocked that people like Senator Jensen, my good friend, my seatmates in the culture corner have not been insisting that you shut them down and that's how you force the state to act. When the state is "complicit" in this and these task force people can know it and tell us how terrible it is, but never say do your duty and shut down this facility that endangers these children, something is terribly wrong. Something is wronger there than the things wrong with the buildings. If we continue to try to put new wine in old bottles, put a new piece of cloth on an old worn...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...garment, we're going to make the situation worse and we're never going to address what the true problem is that we say creates a crisis for juveniles. This is the last time I can speak on the amendment pending before us now, but the amendment that Senator Thompson has before us now deals only with the technical aspect of the bill which should not have been drafted the way it currently is, and I'm sure she'll explain